IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

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## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Date: July 22, 2003

Sir:

In response to the office action dated 03-31-2003, Applicant requests reconsideration based on the following amendments and remarks.

Applicant's amendments have been made in accordance with the USPTO's suggested guidelines, per revision of 37 CFR 1.121, as shown on the USPTO's web site on 2-3-2003.